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THREE ZANESVILLE AREA POLICE OFFICERS ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES

COLUMBUS – Zanesville Police Officers Sean Beck, age 28, and Trevor Fusner, age 31, along with Genesis Health Care System Police Officer Chad Mills, age 29, were arrested by FBI agents and Muskingum County Sheriff's Deputies without incident yesterday.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, J. Mark Batts, Acting Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Cincinnati Division; Muskingum County Sheriff Robert J. Stephenson; and Chief Eric Lambes, Zanesville Police Department announced the arrests.

Beck and Fusner were arrested at the Zanesville Police Department. Mills was arrested at his residence.

Beck has been charged in a federal complaint with violations of Title 18, U.S. Code Section 1951, the Hobbs Act; and Title 21, U.S. Code Sections 841 and 846, Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine. Fusner and Mills were charged in the same complaint with violations of Title 21, U.S. Code Sections 841 and 846. Violations of Title 18, U.S. Code Section 1951 are punishable by imprisonment of up to 20 years. Violations of Title 21, U.S. Code Section 841 and 846 are punishable by imprisonment of five to 40 years imprisonment.

The federal complaint alleges that Beck extorted monies from another person believing those monies to have been in payment to forego criminal investigation of that other person. The complaint further charges that Beck, Fusner and Mills conspired to steal one kilogram of cocaine from a Columbus narcotics dealer and distribute the cocaine using a third party, collecting the proceeds of the sale.

FBI agents and Muskingum County Sheriff's Deputies also executed federal search warrants at the residences and vehicles of the subjects yesterday.

The investigation leading to the complaint was conducted jointly by the FBI and the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office.

All three subjects were transported to Columbus. They received an Initial Appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Terrence P. Kemp. Magistrate Judge Kemp ordered a detention hearing for Thursday, October 4 at 11 a.m. at which time he will determine if the subjects will be released on bond. Until that time the subjects will be held at the Franklin County Jail.

The public is reminded that criminal complaints are mere allegations of criminal conduct and that subjects are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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